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**SERVICES**

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**WEB PAGE**

[www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org](http://www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org)

**MISSIONS**

-Dustin Bolks  
**Sioux Center, Ia.**  
-Dahn Ramkelawan  
**Suriname, SA**  
-Michael Mayo  
**Thailand, SE Asia**  
-Herman Joseph  
**Guyana, SA**  
-Mohamed Ally  
**Guyana, SA**  
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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Matthew 19:14

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

## Let the Children Come to Jesus

Parents of children should be ready to give time to promote the spiritual welfare of the little ones in their care (Deut. 6:7-9; Eph. 6:4). There are so many evils in the world, that we should not only pray that the Lord will deliver us from evil (Mt. 6:13), but we should also place the lives of our children into the Lord's hands and pray earnestly that He will deliver them and bless them in the way of righteousness throughout their days. Little children were brought to Jesus that He would lay His hands on them and pray for them (Mt. 19:13). Jesus took time for children, but His disciples on this occasion wanted none of it. The disciples rebuked them. They thought Jesus had more important things to do than to be bothered by these children.

Jesus, however, placed importance on children, reversing the conventional values that the disciples had learned in their day. Jesus said to His disciples, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 19:14). While children have much to learn, they often possess simple trust and dependence that adults often lack. They also lack the pride, self-assertion, and brooding revenge that are often in the hearts of adults. In the previous chapter of Matthew, the disciples were wondering who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 18:1). Jesus taught them an object lesson. He placed a little child in their midst and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me" (Mt. 18:3-5). While the child must have seemed small and insignificant in the midst of grown men, it is this very quality of humility that Jesus highlights as key to entering His kingdom. Each of us must possess humility if we are to have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5-8). A child possesses the humility to learn and grow that a self-sufficient adult often does not have. Children can be taught the gospel and can grow to become like God. Solomon said, "Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished" (Ecc. 4:13).

The church, Christ's kingdom, values children. Sadly, many homes do not provide the environment where the welfare, especially spiritual welfare, of children is promoted. If the church is to practice pure religion, then we must care for the fatherless (Jas. 1:27). God's righteousness includes being a father and helper to the fatherless (Psa. 10:14; 68:5). Those without natural affection, i.e. love for their own children, will meet God's judgment (Rom. 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3). Some of the worst forms of harm in our world today are inflicted on children. God's kingdom of light must overcome this evil darkness with doing good (Rom. 12:21; Phil. 2:15). We must open our mouths and stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Prov. 31:8). Let's do all we can to provide a way for precious souls of little ones to come to Jesus and be blessed in this life and the life to come. -Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM:** Mark Day– *Pure and Undefined Religion*

**6:00PM:** Youth Led Service:

Mason Morris– *Christian Conversation*

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 19:14

Jackson Morris– *Faith*

**Scripture Reading:** James 2:14-17

## 2021 Dates to Remember:

**Aug 29**– Directory pictures– noon– annex and Potter Children’s Home donation deadline

**Sep 2**– Little School orientation– 7p

**Sep 3-4**– Campout at the Adkins’ house– see Nathan or Serpell for details

**Sep 10**– first day of Little School

**Oct 9**– Singing/Potluck-Chris Scott’s home-6p

**Oct 17-21**– our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

## Today is Potter Children’s Home Day of Prayer & Giving to the Children

We are supporting this day with a \$1000 donation from the congregation. \$2000 was sent earlier this year and this additional \$1000 has already been budgeted. If you would like to contribute individually, just make a check out to the Flatwoods church of Christ and in the memo line put Potter Children’s Home. Put your check in the wooden box in the foyer. Your donation will be added to the \$1000 check we send.

## Gauging Our Faith

	08/22/21	Goal	08/23/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	84	110	55
<b>AM Worship</b>	120	160	116
<b>PM Worship</b>	66	110	74
<b>Mid Week</b>	60	110	63
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5682.00	\$6000.00	\$5635.00

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our Brother Jordan Parks who passed away August 23<sup>rd</sup>. His funeral was Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, conducted by Mark Day, with burial in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods. Please, keep this family in your prayers.

## Little School Beginning

Please, let your friends and neighbors know about our pre-school program for 4-5 year old children. It is held every Friday beginning Sept. 10th, and runs from 9am to noon. There are paper applications you can give them or refer them to our website. Orientation is Thursday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

## The Scott’s Singing Night

Chris & Amanda Scott are inviting everyone to their home at 6pm on Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, for an evening of singing and a potluck of side dishes and desserts. Meats will be provided. Please, sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend including the side dish or dessert you will bring. Thank you.

**Have you contacted a shut-in lately?**

Why not today?





## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Tanner Adkins/Braydon Snell

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Gabe Scott

### **LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**Assisting:** Jackson Morris,  
Nathan Parks, Chris Legg

**Presiding PM:** Mark Day

\*gluten-free bread

### **Scripture Reading:**

**PM:** Noah Day

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Jesse Legg

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Brad Morris

**DEVOTION:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Jesse Legg

**LIVE STREAM:** Luke Wallace

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Parks

**COORDINATOR:** J.C. Hughes

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## ☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

☆☆☆ **Sundays** ☆☆☆

### **Pew Packers**

5:45pm in front of  
the auditorium-  
geared to age 12 & under,  
but everyone is  
welcome to attend

☆☆☆ **Sept 3-4** ☆☆☆

### **Campout at the Adkins' cabin**

Sign-up on the foyer board.  
See Nathan or Serpell for  
details.



## Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you  
as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection box or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending. We hope to see you often.